

Project Grand Slam

Employment Strategy for RFK and New Stadium Projects

The Department of Employment Services has implemented Project Grand Slam as a major employee recruitment initiative to provide job applicant screening and assessment, skill matching, referrals and follow-up/retention services that will identify potential candidates for stadium employers.

The priority of this project is to maximize job placements by providing a continuous supply of skilled and productive workers for key occupations identified by both RFK Stadium and the new DC Stadium vendors. This effort will assist community growth through the economic well-being of District residents.

Accomplishments:

- Developed a Strategic Plan to address the major employee recruitment efforts for staffing RFK Stadium and the new stadium.
- Currently working with stadium employers, including DC Sports and Entertainment Commission, DC Nationals, ARAMARK, IM Parking, Contemporary Services Corporation (CSC) and Turner Construction to address their staffing needs.
- Hosted a major job fair with three stadium employers (ARAMARK, DC Sports and Entertainment Commission and IM Parking). There were over 3,000 job seekers who applied for approximately 1,000 jobs. To date, 80 percent of new hires are District of Columbia residents.
- Established an onsite office at RFK Stadium where DOES staffs from the Business Services Division and the Office of Apprenticeship are stationed to address stadium employer needs.
- On target to receive all First Source Agreements from employers associated with the stadium projects.
- Office of Apprenticeship is working with the General Stadium Contractor to develop apprenticeship opportunities for District residents.
- DOES Account Executives are working with DC Sports and Entertainment Commission and ARAMARK Corporation to coordinate a Summer and Year-Round Youth Employment Program through RFK Stadium.
- DOES has also identified major community, government and business stakeholders to ensure the successful recruitment of candidates for RFK and the new DC Stadium recruitment initiatives.

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